Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of:

Administration of the North American Numbering Plan

CC Docket No. 92-237 Phase I

Reply Comments of Allnet Communication Services

Allnet Communication Services, Inc. (Allnet), hereby replies to the comments filed in the above captioned proceeding.

The Comments are virtually unanimous. Due to obvious conflicts of interest, Bellcore should not continue in its present role of administering the numbering plan.¹

Almost all parties urge the commission to take a more pro-active role in numbering plan issues. The Commission should assume the formal role as the NANP policy maker and, if necessary, contract out the ministerial role of carrying out those policies.

Finally, the recent announcement of Ameritech regarding its proposal to "open up" the local network,² demonstrates how imperative it is that the Commission begin a proceeding regarding how all telephone numbers should

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¹See, for example, Comments of McCaw, MCI, BellSouth, and Allnet.

²In its press conference on February 22, 1993, Ameritech's officers indicated that all telephone numbers will be portable under its "Universal Access Plan." It also indicated that the plan would be implemented by 1994. The plan recognizes that a significant component of the monopoly power of a local exchange carrier is in its monopoly control on a customer's telephone number. Analogously, the Commission found a similar problem with 800 numbers prior to 800 data base. See, CC Docket No. 86-10.

become portable, and not geographic specific.3

In conclusion, it is clear that time is running out. It is necessary for the Commission to take more of a pro-active role and not wait for the industry to reach a consensus by osmosis. With Ameritech's deadline of 1994, it is imperative that the Commission begin a rulemaking proceeding to require all telephone numbers to become portable without any further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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³Telephone number portability requires only a central registry of telephone numbers and the corresponding users. For determining routing, interexchange carrier could either query a centralized database to determine how a call should be routed (using the technology of 800 data base) or employ a"broadcast" data network method of poling networks to determine upon which network a portable number terminates. Customers could go from local exchange carrier to local exchange carrier without changing their numbers.

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